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OYSTER BAY

WESTBURY

## Montesano: Making Long Island Better

### Cleaning up Corruption

Assemblyman Michael Montesano wants to create real accountability for elected officials who use their position in government to further their own personal avarice. That's why this year he co-sponsored the Public Officials Accountability Act of 2013, a comprehensive measure that creates new criminal laws for those who violate the public trust, institutes term limits for legislative leaders and significantly bolsters ethics laws. For Montesano, already a sponsor on legislation calling for pension forfeiture for public officials convicted of a felony, this bill is the next step in fostering a government that represents New Yorkers, not special interests.

“We must bring greater transparency and integrity to our government, ensuring that New Yorkers receive the responsible, open government they demand,” said Montesano. “We must implement a code of conduct that makes sure our elected officials are serving for the right reason: making all our communities better places to work, live and raise families.”



### Promoting Our Schools

Assemblyman Montesano is fully aware how important a quality education is for our children's future. That's why he worked double-time during the 2013 Legislative Session to increase aid to our public schools by \$121 million, as well as restoring high tax aid, boosting funding to non-public institutions and our community colleges and state universities.

Through increasing aid and working to correct the flaws in Race to the Top and Common Core, Montesano is confident that we can help Long Island schools do an even better job of preparing our children for the future.



### Cutting the Red Tape

Assemblyman Montesano fought tirelessly this year to implement the real reforms needed to grow Long Island's economy. In fact, Montesano was a proponent of several key regulatory reform measures that would have cut the red tape and restrictions that inhibit real job creation.

“It's no secret that Albany's burdensome restrictions and red tape have caused our state to have one of the worst economic climates in the nation,” said Montesano. “We need to enact real reform to eliminate the regulations and mandates which drive up taxes and stifle the creativity and innovation that make economies and communities thrive.”

### Doing What's Right

Earlier this year, when the Assembly Majority and the governor moved to cut \$90 million from the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities Assemblyman Montesano stood up. He sponsored an amendment to restore this funding and continued this fight until the end of Legislative Session. Because of his efforts, an agreement was reached in June to restore this crucial aid to the developmentally disabled and their caregivers.

“As lawmakers, we have an obligation to do what's right and stand up for those whose voices would otherwise go silent,” said Montesano. “It was irresponsible and unfair to cut this funding to begin with, so having this crucial funding restored for the developmentally disabled was a goal of mine that I'm glad we achieved before the end of the year.”

### Making Long Island More Affordable

Assemblyman Montesano has been a vocal critic of LIPA during his tenure in the Assembly, and this year took part in hearings to discuss the best ways to reform the power authority and ensure Long Island residents have affordable, reliable energy and customer service.

“LIPA has failed Long Island residents time and again when it comes to delivering services effectively and efficiently,” said Montesano. “It has been clear for years that LIPA needs to be held accountable for their missteps and I've made it a priority to replace them with the type of services Long Island residents deserve.”

